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Correspondence

News of our neighboring villages as gleaned each week by our special staff of correspondents

RIVERDALE ITEMS

By Our Own Correspondent

Miss Lila Sandel of Grand Rapids and Mrs. Lula Sandel of Mancelonia, spent several days last week, with Mrs. and Mrs. Charlie Nunn.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Harry and little son, Harvey, Jr., of Detroit, were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs.

Mrs. Claude Parkinson and son, Dale of Owosso, were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Carmer and Mrs. Alfred Locey.

Mrs. Lewis Phillips and son of Aima are spending several weeks with Mrs. George Wiltshire. Miss Percy Moblo of Alma spent several days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Moblo.

Harry. Mrs. J. W. Mathews and daughter Alma, visited friends at Ithaca last

Miss Helen Williams and Miss Rhea Seaman have gone to Washington to spend several weeks with relatives.

Miss Ruth Miller of Elwell was the guest of Miss Lenabelle Looker, Tues-

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kellicut visited Mr. and Mrs. Elton Hornbeck are the proud parents of a son, born to them Tuesday, June 27.
Mrs. Martha Walker and daughter are in Saginaw visiting relatives.
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Glenn Worden was in Edmore, Tuesday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Green and the Misses Nina, Reta, and Hazel Green, were Elwell visitors, Wednes-

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Croten and children, east of Elm Hall, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Nunn, Fri-

Quite a number of young people from Edmore and Vestaburg attended the roller skating rink, Saturday eve-

turned, Saturday evening, from a two week's visit with relatives at Lansing.
J. W. Johnson made a business trip

to Detroit, last week-Roy King of Vestaburg is spending several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. King, west of Riverdale. Miss Hazel Moble returned Satur-

day evening from Detroit where she has been attending the Thomas Normal Training school for the past six Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. James Schnepp and children were Sunday guests of Ryan Schnepp and wife.

Miss Isabelle Horton was a week end guest of Miss Ruth Shong of Seville Center.

Mrs. Ray Capen and daughter, of Stanton, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Jacques, Tuesday. Floyd Owen returned to Detroit. Monday evening after spending a

with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm.

Owen.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Manley and daughter and Mrs. Emma Baker were Sunday guests of Mrs. Henry Manley of Vestaburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Welsh and son,

spent Sunday with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude McFarren of

Shepherd were over Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clair Reid.
Miss Maggie Reynolds of Lansing is visiting relatives and friends in this

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vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Stambaugh and Miss Mabel Stambaugh of Elm Hall were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thos.

Morton.

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Miss Jean McDonald of Saginaw has been spending the past week with Miss Francis Looker. Mrs. Patrick O'Brien of St. Louis

spept the past week at the Deaner farm, west of Riverdale.
T. J. Dean of McBride was a River-

Eim Hall were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Warren VanLeuven.

Henry Tucker is spending a week with relatives in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Carmer and daughter, Leta, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Locey and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Nunn son, Robert, spent the 4th in

Mr. and Mrs. George LaPaugh were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. Boyer, near Elwell.

VESTABURG NEWS

By Our Own Correspondent

Wm. Brown, formerly of this place, and a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Brown, was married, June 6 and, after visiting other places during his wedding tour, came here with his bride to visit his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Brown left Monday for their homein Scottsville, where Mr. Brown is ticket agent for

the Pere Marquette. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brown of Cedar Springs, who have been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Brown, left for their home Monday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bradley were in Edmore from Wednesday until Thursday, visiting their granddaughter, Mrs. Minnie Cook and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bradley spent Thursday in Elm Hall at the home of his granddaughter, Mrs. Prichard.

Arnold Greenhoe went to Alma, Monday to visit his brother, Harry.

Mrs. Soloman Schnepp of Alma was a Monday visitor of Mrs. Wm. Caris.

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Carl Harry of Alma spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm.

Monday to visit his brother, Harry.

Mrs. Soloman Schnepp of Alma was a Monday visitor of Mrs. Wm. Caris.
Elvie Tanner left for Virginia, Monday, to move his family back to Lansing. His daughter, who accompanied him here will remain with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Tanner until her parents arrive from Virginia.

Traverse City. Mr. Bondary for 33 years, coming here when the country was new, and by years of hard labor cleared his farm and built them a nice residence. He leaves an aged companion, three sons, four daughters, many grandchildren, five sisters, two brothers and many other relatives, and a host of friends to mourn his departure. His remains were brought

a Tuesday visitor of Glenn Worden.

The Endeavor society had an ice cream social Thursday evening and carried out an interesting program, which was enjoyed by all.

The public will be glad to hear that

The public will be glad to hear that from Edmore and Vestaburg attended the roller skating rink, Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lucas and children visited friends at Ithaca, Sundered the roller skating rink, Saturday evening.

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Chas. Nelson, one of the 11th grade boys of Vestaburg and son of Fred Nelson, stepped on a nail Monday, June 26, and has been in a serious condition on account of a bad case of blood poisoning, which set in. It was proposed any to contact on his foot any necessary to operate on his foot sev-eral times. Six incissions being made to draw out puss one of the incissions running clear through his foot. His many friends are in hopes of a speedy recovery for Charles, who is reported on the gain at this writing.

Mrs. Rose VanHorn and daughter

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Manley and daughter and Mrs. Emma Baker were Sunday guests of Mrs. Henry Manley of Vestaburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Welsh and son, Owen, visited friends in Saginaw, last Sunday.

Miss Dortha Sutton of Alma spent Wednesday in Riverdale, the guest of Miss Lillian Horton.

Frank and Fred Reynolds of Lansing are guests of Mrs. Rebecca Shanks.

Miss Esther Horton of Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday with her parents.

Mrs. Rose VanHorn and daughter of Detroit came Wednesday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Noble and son accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Nickerson and son autoed to Grand Rapids, Thursday, to visit relatives.

Ronald Whitney of Montgomery is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Green.

The dance at Earl Walker's bowery Friday evening was largely attended and a good time is reported.

Mr. and Mrs. Thorp Throop and daughter returned home, Wednesday. Sheridan visited their daughter

Sheridan visited their daughter, Mrs.
Beatrice Throop, during last week.
Lawrence Tupper went to Alma,
Monday to help Ed Tanner run a

Mrs. Anna Johnson.

Dell Botsford of Lansing spent the latter part of the week with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lewis.

Theima Mesler of Elwell, who has been ivsiting Mrs. Delia Sutton, returned to her home, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Murtaugh of near Winn were in the property of the state of the

farm, west of Riverdale.

T. J. Dean of McBride was a Riverdale caller, Tuesday.

Mrs. Fred Howe and children of Elm Hall were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Warren VanLeuven.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Murtaugh of Mrn. and Mrs. Dewitt Murtaugh of Mrs. Dewitt Mur

Mrs. Hartman's sister, Mrs. James

Mrs. Leona Woodman of Centerville, who has been visiting her grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Mangle and Mrs. Maria Strine and uncle, Wm. Caris and family, returned to her

Mrs. Earl Walker entertained her sousin from out of town, Tuesday.
Ed Tanner went to Alma, Monday,
to run a stand at that place for a time.

Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bradley were in Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bradley were in Riverdale, Friday.

Malon Briggs, jr., has quit working in Edmore and is home for a few days.

Leon Briggs, brother Malon and cousin Milo Briggs of Detroit spent Monday in Edmore with Mrs. Vern Cook, sister of the two first named.

Miss Mildred Tupper was in Mc.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McGurn of Lansing stopped Saturday to spent the day with their daughter, Mrs. W. Kirker. They left Sunday for Lake City to visit another daughter, Mrs. Arthur Forquer and family.

Miss Ruby Spencer is very sick with measles.

Mrs. Cora Robinson of Detroit is the guest of her sister, Mrs. William Seaman.

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. D.
Boyer, near Elweil.

Mr. and Mrs. Clair Going of near Alma were Sunday guests of Chas. Going and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Manley and daughter spent Thursday in Vestaburg, guests of Mrs. Henry Manley. Charlie Langon of Shepherd spent several days this week with his grandmother, Mr. R. LaMay.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Green and the Misses Nina, Reta and Hazel Green attended the celebration at Alma on the Fourth.

James McDonald of Saginaw was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Looker, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil VanAlstine and family and Mr. and Mrs. A. VanAlstine and family wisited relatives near Winn on the Fourth.

Mrs. Ruby Chafee of Ada has been spending the past week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Neil VanAlstine.

Rev. Albert Baker, wife and child
Wm. VanHorn came from Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil VanAlstine and family and Mr. and Mrs. A. Van-Alstine and family visited relatives near Winn on the Fourth.

Mrs. Ruby Chafee of Ada has been spending the past week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Neil VanAlstine.
Rev. Albert Baker, wife and children visited friends at Sumner Center.
Thursday.

Detroit, came home Saturday evening, to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. And Mrs. Mr. and Mrs. And Mrs. Elmer Parmley and children of Lansing came Saturday evening to visit the former's brother, Archie and wife and Mrs. Parmyle's relatives.

Wm. VanHorn came from Detroit, Saturday evening, to visit friends.

The Royal Neighbors of Gratiot and Montealm counties were royally entertained by the Lake View Royal Neighbors at their camp in that place Thursday, June 29. A bountious dinner and supper were provided by them and every thing done to make it enjoyable for all. Autos were provided to convey all to and from the train. After a short business seasion in the morning recess was called for dinner after which the meeting was called to order and given in the Neighbors at their camp in that place Miss Hazel Snyder, who has been to Detroit staying with her cousin, Mrs. Hazel Minor, for the past few weeks, returned home Saturday. Carl Abbott of Belding is spending a few days with her aunt, Mrs. B. Mc-Kinney.

Sam Veeder and family of near Porest Hill are moving on to Mr. Wells farm, known as the Wm. Stewart farm.

called to order and given in the charge of Vesta camp, No. 2653 of Vestaburg, Mich., whose camp officers exemplified the work and the Lake View candidates. The officers and Stewart farm.

James Jones and family of near
Vernon spent a few days with his
nephew, Lyle Nelson and family.

Mrs. Geo. Allen of Detroit is spendmembers from here who attended were

g a few weeks with relatives in this

as follows: Oracle, Mary Caris; Vice Oracle, Alice Piffer; Past Oracle, Car-

next district meeting will be held at

next district meeting will be held at Greenville some time in October.

Mr. and Mrs. John Thurlby, who are entertaining Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Dopp and child, Paul, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Conkright and friends of Detroit and Mr. and Mrs. McGlone of Saginaw, who came by auto, accompanied them to Crystal, Monday, for a pleasure trin.

pleasure trip. Emanuel Bollinger, son of Benjamin

you get immediate results. Every

SOUTHEAST COE.

Percy Leonard and family of Pon-

where he expects to work for a

Ernest Baldwin and family of St.

Alva Hopkins and wife and Albert

Louis was Sunday callers on reia-

Slater and family of Carland autoed through Sunday to celebrate the Fourth with their parents.

The attendance at the church Sunday morning was good and everyone appeared well pleased with our new minister. The evening service was also well attended. Come again next

Sunday morning promptly at 10:30 for Bible seffool, preaching at 11:30, evening service at 8:00 o'clock.

The L. H. S. will give an ice cream

Lottie Leonard, who has lived in

Ithaca Friday evening of last week and were married at the M. E. par-

sonage. Our best wishes go through life with them. Mr. and Mrs. Oliver

will reside in Alma.
Charles Oliver and wife of Alma
were callers at the home of Merit
Leonard, Saturday.

SUMNER ITEMS

meeting at Saginaw, Thursday.

Mrs. I. O. Hunt fell down cellar last week injuring her self quite badly.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Donelly of Sedalia, Mo., are guests of Mrs. Donelley's mother, Mrs. Markham, north of town.

Amos Button went to Lansing Sat-urday to visit his son, Charlie, who

has been ill for some time.

The Misses Olive and Lillian Pelston are home for their vacation.

Mrs. H. O. Church and daughter,
Vida, and Philip Hick attended the
S. D. A. meeting at Saginaw, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McGurn of

John Spencer of Belding was call-

tiac came Saturday to visit her father

Mrs. C. Bailey is attending school in Mt. Pleasant this summer.
Clarence, the little son of Barney Snyder, had the misfortune to fall this last week and break his arm. Dr. Lamb was called and at this writing Oracie, Alice Piffer; Past Oracle, Carrie Miller; Recorder, Via Cornell; Receiver, Maria Dyer; Marshal, Alida Miller; Ass't Marshal, Alice Caris; Inner Sentinel, Sarah Mallory; Outer Sentinel, Alta Worden; Faith, Ina Walker; Modesty, Lula Snyder; Manager No. 3, Ellen Parr; Organist, Myrta Gott; Unselfishness, Lillian Person; Endurance, Pearl McKinney and Courage, Myrta Barrett. Neighbors, Mary Cummings, Cora Corder, May Leonard, Ella Leonard, Mrs. Hiestand, Florence Stitts, Elizabeth O'Connor, and Della Nickerson. The next district meeting will be held at e is getting better. Miss Laura Amsbury, who has been sick and under the care of Dr. Lamb,

Mrs. Joe Webb and children have gone to Canada to visit a few weeks

with her relatives. Her mother re-turned home with her. Mrs. Webb's brother has been called to go to the Mert Church, who has been in the west for the past number of years, has returned home.

CLEAR SKIN COMES FROM WITH.

It is foolish to think you can gain Emanuel Bollinger, son of Benjamin and Anna Bollinger, was born in Summit county, Ohio, October 16, 1842 and died at Traverse City, Michigan, Saturday, July 1st, 1916, aged 73 years, six months and fourteen days. The deceased was united in matriage to Miss Margaret Mishier, January 24, 1864. To this union ten children were born. Three of whom preceded him to the spirit world. Mr. Bollinger has been a member of the Brethren church for over fifty years believing firmly a good clear complexion by the use of ion today. 25c. at your druggist .-

WHEELER.

Dick Blackman of near Petoskey is The Misses Anna and Marie Joslyn, Ethel Watson, and Gladys Coleman were in Saginaw, Thursday. E. Allenand family spent Sunday at

Crystal Lake.
Rollo Allen of Flint is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Allen over

Mr. and Mrs. Newell Bradford of Ithaca visited her mother, Mrs. Foland

Ed Hillock of Flint is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hillock. Mr. and Mrs. Bert Wilson, Ethel Street and Mazie Coleman were in St.

Louis, Saturday evening. George Cooper, who has been working at the Alma Motor Truck plant, home on a ten-days visit. Mrs. Ethyl Roof of Elwell is visit-Mrs. Ethyl Roof of Elwell is visit-ng Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Allen. Mrs. Gowing of Midland City visit-d Dr. Street and family, Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Cooper have a

orand new baby girl. VanOrman's children helped him celebrate his 80th birthday last Satur-

day.
Mr. McLeod shipped a carload of pickles to Detroit this week.
Geo. Rich of Flint visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Rich, last

· If your child is dull, pale, fretful week. Carl Street has started his truck Leslie Coleman of Riverdale is vis-

apoo Worm Killer, a pleasant candy iting his parents.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

William Baily Walker, 46, Alma Martha Andrews, 40, Alma Leo J. Amspoker, 22, Washington Mabel A. Zimmerman, 20, Hamilton Charles L. Oliver 26, Alma and other relatives over the Fourth. Vern Perine went to Detroit Mon-Glenn Hart, 22, Newark Lottie B. Leonard, 21, Almn Clara E. Zehner, 22, Saginaw Parley W. Whitmore, 26, Detroit Ethel Irene Strouse, 18, Ithaca Archie Palmer, 26, St. Louis Orpha Hoyt, 19, St. Louis.

Michigan News

Mrs. A. J. Stephens, of Prescott pioneer of that place, is dead of pneu-

William E. Bosley, aged 79, former mayor of Marshall and a former member of the legislature, is dead.

and cake supper at the home of Wm. Brooks, Friday evening, July 14th, Everybody is cordially invited to at-Despondency and 2 ounces of acid spelled eternity for Isaac Williams, fifty-live years old of New Troy. Charles Palmer, founder of Imthis community most of her life, but the past year has lived near Alma, and Charles Oliver of Alma went over to lay City, is dead at his home. He was born at Stillwater, N. Y., in 1831.

J. Madison, former, Ionia grocer, was sentenced to serve from three to five years in Ionia prison for bigamy. Muskegon will begin food inspection June 1, with Dr. J. A. McCreevy, of

Chicago, appointed local inspector. Louis Larsen, one of Kalamazoo's most prominent business men, was found dead in a hotel room where he

had shot himself. Ruth Graham and Genevieve Dona-- The recent Ingham county election hue were Carson City callers, Friday. Edgar Ferris and Mr. and Mrs. Theron Butler attended the S. D. A.

cost the wet side \$13,211, according to their expense account filed with the county clerk at Mason. Steve Shott, of near Fairgrove, died

from injuries he received when attacked by a vicious horse. The animal trampled on him, crushing his chest. Mrs. E. Steepard, of Kalamazoo, who was separated from her husband five years ago, confessed to poisoning a babe born to her three months ago. While demented, Mrs. Nellie Bar ry, of Clio, an inmate of the homeopathic hospital, wandered fato the Huron

river, but was rescued before drown-

Harold Wilson, student from Sault Ste. Marie, was elected editor-in-chief of the Albion college paper, the Pleiad, and Gerald Stedman, of Detroit, business manager.

A. Everett, of Ypsilanti, committed suicide by drinking poison in front of the residence of his father-in-law, Romaine Lawrence, where his wife was watching him from a window, Mrs. Charlotte Bennett, of near

Eaton Rapids, Eaton township's oldest pioneer resident, aged efghty-nine

PERE MARQUETTE

Why the Road "Went Broke"

The Pere Marquette Railroad is, I believe, after two years' study of the situation, not in bankruptcy for the reasons commonly accepted by those who have not given serious thought to the matter, but for the very plain and simple reason that it has not been able to earn enough during its existence to pay its way

First, Light traffic density, and Second, Low rates.

Light traffic density-While the Road serves considerable territory which is well settled, and in those portions of the State the density of traffic is fairly heavy, half of its mileage is in branch and side lines, most of which run through sections but sparsely settled. One half brings in three-fourths of the passenger revenue, for example, while the other earns but one-fourth.

The Pere Marquette is not a trunk line with an abundance of heavy traffic and long hauls. It is rather an originating and distributing line for other roads which handle the through business. For this reason it is impossible for it to make the same showing as trunk line roads

operating in this territory. Low rates-The freight rates in the section in which Michigan is located, are the lowest of any in the United States, the average being but six mills per ton mile. In other words, the Pere Marquette carries a ton of freight on the average one mile for six-tenths of a cent, or three miles for less than the value of a two-cent postage stamp.

Before the system was organized, the lines which were put together to form it were earning an average of nine mills per ton mile, but the decline of the lumber industry, which furnished about one-third the traffic at fairly good rates, forced the Road to look somewhere else for business, and now it is handling a third of its tonnage in coal, which carries a low rate. The average rate in Michigan, already low because based on the through rate from Chicago to New York, was reduced 331% through this purely economic change. Passenger rates were also lowered through legislative action in 1907 by the

same percentage. While the earning power of the railroad was being cut one-third, operating costs were going up, taxes, materials and supplies, wages, in fact everything the Road used or had to have jumped in price. The "high cost of living" hit the Pere Marquette as well as everyone else.

To me, it is no wonder that the Road "went broke." It would have been a miracle if it had not. Like any other business when "it costs more than it comes to."

there is bound to be trouble. Freight rates have been advanced somewhat (about 5%), and interstate passenger fares increased to 2½ cents per mile. These are steps in the right direction and have helped the situation. The next step should be to increase pass-

enger rates within the state to 21 cents to conform to the interstate rate. What the Pere Marquette needs is business to support its mileage and fair rates for handling it. Then it will pay its way and stay out of bankruptcy, and be in a position to give more and better service to the people of Michigan.

Operating Receiver.

Talk No. 6

Federal Inquiry or

Faced by demands from the conductors, engineers, firemen and brakemen that would impose on the country an additional burden in transportation costs of \$100,000,000 a year, the railroads propose that this wage problem be settled by reference to an impartial Federal tribunal.

Kaiiroad Strike?

With these employes, whose efficient service is acknowledged, the railroads have no differences that could not be considered fairly and decided justly by such a public body.

Railroads Urge Public Inquiry and Arbitration

The formal proposal of the railroads to the employes for the settlement of the controversy is as follows:

"Our conferences have demonstrated that we cannot harmonise our differences of opinion and that eventually the matters in controversy must be passed upon by other and disinterested agencies. Therefore, we propose that your proposals and the proposition of the railways be disposed of by one or the other of the following methods: 1. Preferably by submission to the Interstate Commerce Commission, the only tribunal which, by reason of its accumulated information bearing on railway conditions and its control of the revenue of the railways, is in a position to consider and protect the rights and equities of all the interests affected, and to provide additional revenue necessary to meet the added cost of operation in case your proposals are found by the Commission to be just and reasonable; or, in the event the Interstate Commerce Commission cannot, under existing laws, act in the premises, that we jointly request Congress to take such action as may be necessary to enable the Commission to consider and promptly dispose of the questions involved? or 2. By arbitration in accordance with the provisions of the Federal law" (The Newlands Act).

Leaders Refuse Offer and Take Strike Vote

Leaders of the train service brotherhoods, at the joint conference held in New York, June 1-15, refused the offer of the railroads to submit the issue to arbitration or Federal review, and the employes are now voting on the question whether authority shall be given these leaders to declare a nation-wide strike.

The Interstate Commerce Commission is proposed by the railroads as the public body to which this issue ought to be referred for these reasons:

No other body with such an intimate knowledge of railroad conditions has such an unquestioned position in the public confidence.

The rates the railroads may charge the public for transportation are now largely fixed by this Govern-Out of every deliar received by the railreads from the public nearly one-half is paid directly to the em-

ployes as wages; and the money to pay increased wages can come from no other source than the rates paid by the public.

The Interstate Commerce Commission, with its control over rates, is in a position to make a complete investigation and render such decision as would protect the interests of the railroad employes, the owners of the railroads, and the public.

A Question For the Public to Decide

The railroads feel that they have no right to grant a wage preferment of \$100,000,000 a year to these employes, now highly paid and constituting only one-fifth of all the employes, without a clear mandate from a public tribunal that shall determine the merits of the case after a review of all the facts.

The single issue before the country is whether this controversy is to be settled by an impartial Government inquiry or by industrial warfare.

National Conference Committee of the Railways

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If You Want Result Advertise

John Spencer of Belding was called home on account of the illness of sister, Ruby.

Floy Rumberger and family of Alma areg uests of Mrs. Rumberger's paorents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lang of Alma are guests of their parents, over the Fourth. years, was seriously injured by a fall at her home. She will recover. Your Auction Sale in the Record Nathaniel H. Space, pioneer of Eaton county, and a veteran of the Mr. and Mrs. George McMullen of Ithaca were Sunday callers here.

Renson Forquer and F. J. Tucker were Almii business callers, Monday.

He was prominent in G. A. R. circles.